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✓ Story and <sup>continuity</sup> ~~scenario~~ by William Lester ✓  
Directed by Reeves Eason  
A Jesse Goldburgh Production  
Released by F.B.I.  
✓ Footage -  
Reels - 5 reels ✓



Synopsis,

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At three o'clock in the morning on a deserted San Antonio street, Barry Stuart, Sergeant of the Rangers, detailed to break up a notorious gang headed by a dangerous leader known as "The Spider", is following a group of four suspicious characters -- a girl and three men. At a corner, the girl runs on ahead and Barry is attacked, followed by an exciting chase with Barry in pursuit of the fleeing attackers. Up and down fire escapes, across roof-tops, a spectacular fight on the brink of a building where Stuart is knocked down and the gang makes its escape. Stuart makes his way down a ladder, goes thru an open window and faces a beautiful girl, dressed in negligee, as though just aroused from sleep. Stuart, overcome by his fight, faints and is tended by the girl. When he recovers, he apologizes for his intrusion and leaves.

The moment he is gone, two of the gangsters come from an adjoining room Bart Frazier, the leader, denounces the girl for befriending the Ranger, telling her the only thing that saves her is the fact that she belongs to "the Spider". He hands her a letter, latest orders from the Boss. Rena refuses to comply with them, but Frazier forces her to get ready at once.

A few days later, Stuart returns to the house to see Rena, but finds her apartment deserted, showing evidence of a hurried departure. He finds a few scraps of paper on a table, pieces them together, making out the words --- "The lay looks good in Los Hermanos. Come ready for a good haul and quick getaway". It is signed with the drawing of a spider web.

The little settlement of Los Hermanos is dependent on the mine operated by John Holden, an old Scotchman, who lives at the mine with his daughter, Ruth. She is an idol in his eyes since he drove his other child away from because of her ambition to become an actress. Stuart, arriving in the town on the search of "The Spider", confies his mission to Holden, who scouts the idea of a holdup on him as ridiculous. Out on the street, Stuart again faces the girl who is the image of the beautiful girl he met so mysteriously in San Antonio, but she gives no sign of recognition. When he learns she is Ruth Holden he is baffled by the exact resemblance of two girls with such widely different characteristics --- the adventuress and the simple country girl.. Clammert, a Holden employe, is the well-dressed city type, who claims ignorance of western ways and has appointed Ruth as his instructress in horsemanship and the use of a gun. A rivalry arises between the two men over Ruth, who divides her time equally between her two admirers. Stuart rescues Ruth from certain death while she is standing near a blast fuse just ready to explode. Stuart's shout sends Clammert leaping to his horse and a mad dash for safety. Stuart watches the spectacular stunt and sees that Clammer is no tenderfoot when it comes to horsemanship.

Holden finally appeals to Stuart for help, for he has become worried over the safety of the arrival of some currency for the coming payroll; also over the gold that is stored in a makeshift vault in his office. Stuart promises to act as guard in the office.

The next day, Ruth on her way to Stuart with a note from her father, telling him of the arrival of the currency, is run down by Frazier and one of his henchmen. Stuart sees the assault, drops upon them from a rise above in a surprise attack. A desperate battle is fought. Suddenly Clammert rides in, pulls a gun and fires, knocking Stuart's weapon from his hand. The bandits escape and Clammert makes an excuse for his action, saying he was aiming at the bandits. Stuart tells her he will be at her father's office the next day.

Frazier and his men arrive at a deserted miner's shack, where they are met by Rena Holden. She is forced to write a note to her sister, Ruth, and ask her to come and see her. Ruth, unable to withstand the appeal in the note, leaves secretly for Rena's hiding place. Stuart, having taken his post in Holden's office, sees her ride away, apparently very much excited. Stuart notices a picture on the wall and comments upon it to Holden, believing it is Ruth. Holden bitterly tells him that it is the sister, who has disgraced them. Stuart sees Ruth return later with Clammert, who seems to give the girl some definite, but threatening, instructions.

Later in the night while Stuart is on guard, he sees Clammert enter and start for the vault. When Stuart approaches to interfere, he is set upon by Frazier and his men and knocked unconscious. When he recovers he finds the vault has been robbed and a spider's web drawn on the floor. A girl, whom he thinks is Ruth, rushes in, tells him she is Ruth's sister and was forced to write the note that brought Ruth to the shack. Ruth is being held there by "The Spider", while she exchanged places with her to return to the mine in order to get the keys to turn over to "the spider". Just as she is going to divulge who "the Spider" is, Clammer walks in with gun in hand. He reveals his identity as "the Spider", showing a tattooed spider on his arm, then he fires at Stuart. Rena throws herself in front of Stuart, receives the shot from Clammert's gun and falls limp in Stuart's arms. Clammert flees. Holden comes in, receives his dying daughter in his arms, while Stuart rushes out to Ruth's rescue.

In the mountain shack Frazier and his men plan to double-cross "the Spider" and escape with Ruth. She is forced to sit by the window and watch, while they take up their places in a rickety loft.

Stuart has overtaken Clammert in a wild and dangerous ride, bulldogs him and handcuffs him to a tree. When he arrives at the shack, Ruth sees he is Stuart and not Clammert and realizes he is walking into Frazier's trap, but she dare not warn him, for Frazier is hiding just above her. Stuart makes his entry by a back door, comes into the front room. Frazier, in the loft just above Stuart, realizes by Ruth's expression that the intruder is an enemy and not Clammert, Stuart senses danger above him, jerks out the two old uprights. In a cloud of dust the loft falls and there is a general free-for-all fight, in which Stuart is finally victorious. Ruth is saved and the gold from Holden's vault recovered.



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CAST

Sergeant Stuart, of the Rangers .....	Bob Custer
Steve Clammert, "The Spider" ..	Edward Coxen
Ruth Holden, Country Girl.....	Marquerite Clayton
Rena Golden, Vamp.....	Marquerite Clayton
Butch Frazier, Rough Heavy .....	Joe Bennett
Scarbee, Rough Heavy .....	Bill Hayes
John Holden, Father (bit) .....	William Milan
Flynn (an old powder man).....	Andy Waldron

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